(Private)

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Dear Wife

27 ~~The boy is a fugitive~~ Dont read this letter loud. The young man who brings it to you is from the South, and wants protection and employment. He has been living for sometime past in Newjersey, but his place of residence has been discovered, & men have been on the pursuit for him. His name is John Arrick. If people ask who he is & where he came from — give his name & say he is a man I sent from New York to work for me. I thought I could find him employment in getting wood, fitting fences, gathering apples &c &c. for a month or two, & in the mean time, could find him some good place for the winter. I suppose you will be at no loss to find him employment, until I come, which will be the first or at farthest middle of next week. Perhaps Erastus or Uncle would be glad of his help. If not, you can set him cutting wood up under the mountain — mother can tell where & what. He & Ralph &c had better eat by themselves. When I come I have a plan which will furnish him work for some time. Remember me affectionately to mother & all — A kiss for my dear boy — and two for yourself, beside a lot of them which I shall bring myself when I come. ~~If I do not reach home~~ Send Ralph to Uncle's on Wednesday for me, & if I do not come early then, send him to Hartford, to the Temperance House, the next morning. He must get there by 9 o'clock at farthest. — Mom Affect. husband

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